IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION DOCKET NO. 3:18-CR-343-RJC-DCK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
	Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
JOSEPH SIMS,)	
)	
	Defendant.)	
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THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on Defendant's "Motion To Seal" (Document No. 39) filed December 5, 2019. In accordance with the Local Rules, the Court has considered the Motion to Seal, the public's interest in access to the affected materials, and alternatives to sealing. The Court determines that no less restrictive means other than sealing is sufficient inasmuch as Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum and Motion for Variance contains sensitive and private information that is inappropriate for public access. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, and for good cause, the undersigned will grant the motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Defendant's "Motion To Seal" (Document No. 39) is **GRANTED**, and the Sentencing Memorandum and Motion for Variance (Document No. 40) is sealed until further Order of this Court.

Signed: December 9, 2019

David C. Keesler

United States Magistrate Judge